

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2026

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In attendance: Robert Readie, Chair; Michael Eramo and Jared Rouleau, Selectboard; Danial Sargeant, Granville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (GVFD) Chief; Mark Belisle, Constable; James Parrish, GVFD Town Representative; Marilyn Dougherty, Website Administrator; and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Sarah Wraight (WEBEX), Kevin Geiger and Peter Fellows; Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission; Shawn Dougherty; Wayne Pierce; Anthony Brown; Jeffrey Zygmunt and James Dague

Call to Order: 6:22 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Wayne explained that he wanted to file an official dog biting incident while walking on Post Office Hill Road in front of Duke Maxwell's house. The big black dog of theirs came up and bit him in the leg and buttocks when he yelled the dog ran off. Mark was notified by both Wayne and Tony but they were informed the Selectboard was the Animal Control as he had resigned. Mark recommended that the Selectboard send the owners a letter once licensing and rabies verification was had and quarantine the dog for 10 days. Per the Dog and Wolf Hybrid Ordinance the animal must be under control at all times so the owners need to be informed of that. Cheryl instructed to type letter to the dog's owner(s) with licensing and rabies vaccination confirmation and quarantine instructions.
- Jeff owns 40 acres at the end of West Hill Extention and would like to gain access to the property beyond Comack's. After discussion he was instructed to contact the US Forest Service for comments and to fill out and drop off the Permit with fee for action at the June 8th meeting.
- Kevin and Peter were present to discuss the potential impact of ACT 181 – Bob was glad that Tier 3 and the Road Rule were repealed on May 8th. Now Act 325 and H70 need to be looked at for the farmers and the current use properties need to be added into the State's planned conserved lands calculations; Mike agrees. Asked how the Wetlands Map was developed and proposed Current Use Program changes, the State makes the rules and they are now implementing the Statue. After further discussion it was agreed that the 30 towns in the TRORC area have the same issues and TRORC will continue to provide technical support and GIS mapping for the towns they service. More to come as the Legislative Session comes to a close.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Jared and Mike moved to approve the agenda.

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Mike made the motion to pay the Orders as presented and Bob seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Couple of items discussed; Bob made the motion to accept the reports with noted corrections and Jared seconded. All in favor.
- Outside Audit RFP – Mike made the motion to advertise and Bob seconded. All in favor.
- Status of Debit/Credit Card System for Payment – tabled Nancy absent

Financials (continued):

- Adding Credit Card for Town Purchases – After discussion; Mike made the motion to do away with the Debit Card and to open a Credit Card for financial security of the Town's money and seconded by Bob. All in favor.
- Sharon Stearns CPA Contract – After a brief discussion; Bob made the motion to continue with Sharon's services on an as needed basis and Mike seconded. All in favor.

Minutes:

- April 10, 2026, and May 4, 2026 – Bob made the motion to approve as presented and Jared seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- Damaged Benches and Picnic Table Commons – Revisit discussion in June meeting once the Board has time to look at the site.
- USDA Kick Off Meeting – Agreed to discuss at the May 19th GVFD Board meeting gather information and work to fill out application as a group.
- Health Complaint – Bob to visit 410 Post Office Hill with EPA and Constable; Cheryl to call EPA about on-going issue in East Granville.

Old Business:

- CBDG Grant Sarah indicated that the Ground Penetrating Radar Test was a go in the next 2 weeks they will contact Cheryl. The grant has \$1,900.00 in remaining funds and after discussion Jared made the motion to request a time extension to cover GPR results and potential work and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Constable – Incident Friday; May 8th on Post Office Hill Road; he was not called but VT State Police were and found nothing when they arrived. Jared inspected the bridge with minor damage and Mark investigating vehicle involved.
- Radar Unit is set up in front of Town Hall and will move to the Upper Village once the information is downloaded.
- Security Camera System – After discussion it was determined Cheryl would apply for a grant through Homeland Security Bob made the motion to apply and Jared seconded. All in favor.
- Lime for the Town Green – Mike will investigate and report back in June.
- Planning Commission – Work continued on the Town Plan and Selectboard interested in seeing proposed letter for ACT 181. Cheryl forwarded one she found from the Town of Jay to use as a guide.
- Website – Marilyn and Cheryl to work together on cleaning up the website for storage space and Cheryl was trying out Closed Captioning on WEBEX to see how it works.

Roads:

- North Hollow Road 8 Culverts & Ditching – Jared needs to order more culverts but would like to put out for bids. Bob made the motion to advertise using contractor e-mail list and Jared has a list too and Mike seconded. All in favor.

Roads (continued):

- Grading – Jared indicated ECS is not finished yet and must have the daily log sheets when they submit their invoice.
- Sweeping Road Ends – Received 1 proposal from BDM Sweeper Services of New Hampshire; Mike will contact them to get their schedule as they will be doing Rochester, Hancock and then Granville. Jared made the motion to accept the proposal and Bob seconded. All in favor.
- TRORC Road Inventory Culverts & Ditching – Cheryl indicated that they will have it done by June.
- Jared indicated that the culvert at Brown's Road needs to be replaced and the ditch needs to be cleaned out. There is one on North Hollow Road just as you turn left from Maston Hill Road. No word yet on the Emergency Grant request; Cheryl has been in touch with no response.

Public Communication:

- Jim indicated that the Road Commissioner needs to make sure the contractor does the work when you say. Jared indicated that he had a major repair at the beginning of the job but is getting on track now to finish.
- Jim asked how many Selectboard members there were; 3 members, suggests that no one else sit at the table until spoken to by the Board less confusing.
- Mike suggested that someone run around with the rock rake to help keep the washboards down. Jared needs to get it back from Ken Beattie and make repairs.

Items for Next Agenda:

- USDA Grant
- Oil Tank Penetrating Radar
- Camera System
- Winter Plowing/Sanding Bid Advertisement
- HVAC Bid Results/Contract
- Lime for the Green by Town Hall

Next meeting will be a regular meeting on June 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Mike made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. And Bob seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk